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FOR SISCO

FOLLOWING REPEAT KHARTOUM 1317 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 31.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1317

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EFIN, SU

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF US POLICY TOWARD SUDAN

REF: STATE 123634

1. DURING ROUTINE MEETING WITH FONOFF USEC MIRGHANI MAY 31 ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, AMBASSADOR INFORMED HIM THAT DEPT HAD DECIDED TO AUTHORIZE AT THIS TIME NORMAL OPIC AND EXIM TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING SUDAN. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THIS FIRST STEP IN NORMALIZATION PROCESS SHOWED THAT EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES TO CONTRIBUTE TO FAVORABLE EVOLUTION IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WERE NOW BEARING FRUIT. SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS ACTION MERELY REMOVED "HOLD" ON NORMAL OPIC AND EXIM ACTIVITIES; IT DID NOT NECESSARILY ASSURE ACCEPTANCE ANY PARTICULAR SCHEME. MIRGHANI EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION AND SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD. BOTH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI  
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AND FONMIN BIHEIRI WOULD BE DELIGHTED HEAR OF THIS DEVELOPMENT

AND MIRGHANI WOULD SEE THAT THEY WERE BOTH INFORMED LATER IN DAY.

2. MIRGHANI THEN COMMENTED THAT HE FELT POLICY OF GRADUAL RESTORATION FULL RANGE OF RELATIONSHIPS REPRESENTED CORRECT WAY TO PROCEED. SUDAN WELCOMED THIS DEVELOPMENT FOR TWO REASONS: (A) ANY ASSISTANCE FROM USG WAS PER SE IMPORTANT TO GOS; AND (B) IT HELPED RESTORE "BALANCE" TO SUDANESE FOREIGN POLICY. MIRGHANI EXPLAINED CANDIDLY THAT THERE REMAIN NUMBER OF COMMUNISTS IN GOS WHO ARE CURRENTLY QUIESCENT BUT REPRESENT POTENTIAL THREAT. IMPROVED TIES WITH USG WOULD STRENGTHEN SUDANESE WHO OPPOSE THESE COMMUNISTS AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR LATTER EXPLOIT IMBALANCE IN GOS FOREIGN RELATIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR RECALLED THAT HE HAD EARLIER TOLD MIRGHANI THAT USG WOULD BE UNABLE IN FUTURE FISCAL YEARS FINANCE SHIPMENT PL 480 AND OTHER COMMODITIES FROM MOMBASSA TO JUBA. IT HAD NOW BEEN DECIDED, HOWEVER, THAT EXISTING ARRANGEMENT PERMITTING THIS COULD BE CONTINUED FOR FY 76 (STATE 121480). THIS REPRESENTED ANOTHER INDICATION OF USG DESIRE TAKE ACCOUNT SPECIAL GOS TRANSPORTATION AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. MIRGHANI EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AND SAID THAT PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WOULD BE PROMPTLY INFORMED.  
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